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SUBJECT: CIVAIR-DISCRIMINATION AT ROME AIRPORT

REF: (A) STATE 147079: (B) STATE 155805: (C) STATE 116539

1. EMBASSY SENT NOTE TO MFA ON JULY 6 USING TEXT AS
INSTRUCTED REF A WITH ONE EXCEPTION. EMBASSY INSERTED WORDS
"THE RIGHT" BETWEEN THE WORDS "ONCE MORE" AND "TO CONTROL"
IN LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 1, REF.A. THIS CAHNGE MADE ON BASIS
REF B AND U.S. AIRLINE OFFICIAL'S STATEMENT THAT U.S. AIRLINES
DO NOT WANT TO REASSUME CERTAIN GROUOND HANDLING SERVICES EVEN
IN EXTREMELY UNLIKELY EVENT ITALIAN AUTHORITIES MIGHT AGREE
TO IT. HE STRESSED AIRLINES WANT THEIR RIGHT TO CONTROL SUCH
SERVICES RECOGNIZED IN THE HOPE OF BARGAINING FOR BETTER SERVICE
AT REASONABLE COST.

2. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP ONNOTE AS SOON AS AUTHORITIES
HAVE HAD CHANCE TO DIGEST IT.

3. IN ACCORDANCE PARA 4, REF C, EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED IN
WRITING FROM DGCA COLLINI JUSTIFICATION FOR ECENT
INCREASE IN GROUND HANDLING FEES AND STRONGLY SUGGESTED
THAT FOREIGN AIRLINES BE CONSULTED BEFORE ANY FURTHER
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INCREASES IMPOSED IN FUTURE. EMBOFF FOLLOWED UP
WITH DI MUCCIO (MFA) BY PROVIDING HIM WITH A COPY OF
LETTER AND AGAIN STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF PRIOR
CONSULTATION. DI MUCCIO, HOWEVER, DID NOT RESPOND.
EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH DGCA COLLINI AT FIRST
OPPORTUNITY.

4. AT MEETING BETWEEN AIRLINES SERVING ROME, CIVILAVIA AND SOCIETA' AEROPORTI DI ROME (SAR) ON JULY 11, FABRIZIO SERENA, ALITALIA OPERATIONS MANAGER STATED, ACCORDING TO AIRLINESOURCE, THAT MANY AIRLINES COMING TO BELIEVE THAT SAR CHARGES ARE INFLATED AND CAUSING ECONOMIC INEFFICIENCIES.HE COMPLAINED THAT ALITALIA DID NOT WANT ITS ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE TO CRITICIZED IN PARLIAMENT OR ELSEWHERE BECAUSE OF UNJUSTIFIED COSTS IMPOSED ON IT BY SAR. (ALITALIA DEPENDS ON SAR FOR PART OF ITS FREIGHT HANDLING). HE ARGUED STRONGLY FOR REDUCTION OF PORTERAGE AND WAREHOUSING FEES (WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE ON JUNE 22) AND STATED BEFORE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ABOUT 40 AIRLINES THAT IF AUTHORITIES DO NOT PROVIDE RELIEF TO AIRLINES ALITALIA WILL ALIGN ITS FREIGHT BILLINGS TO LEVELS OTHER AIRLINES MUST CHARGE. EMBASSY SENDING FURTHER LETTER TO COLLINI ON THE NEW PORTERAGE AND WAREHOUSING FEES IN EFFORT TO HELP GET FEES REDUCED AND DISCRIMINATORY ELEMENT REMOVED.GARDNER

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